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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system which facilitates electronic shopping, comprising:
a graphical image component residing on a user interface;
a search engine component associated with the graphical image component, the search
engine component identifying items from a plurality of different merchants based on user
indicated criteria and aggregating and returning items having the user indicated criteria to the
graphical image component for display and selection by a user;
a shopping basket component associated with the graphical image component, the
shopping basket component being programmed to provide drag and drop capabilities
wherein [[a]] the user may select items by dragging and dropping representations of identified
the items from a plurality of different sources merchants into the graphical image component, the
representations of the selected items having a description, the descriptions of the selected items
being provided by the plurality of different merchants and the descriptions of the items will be
retained by the shopping basket component; and
an ordering component for identifying items retained by the shopping basket component,
the ordering component providing for concurrent ordering of at least two of the identified
selected items from the different sources merchants, the search engine component, shopping
basket component and ordering component residing on the user's computer.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, the identified selected items from the plurality of different sources merchants having a common schema associated with the descriptions of the items.
4. (Original) The system of claim 3, the common schema being an XML schema.

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5. (Original) The system of claim 1, the user interface being an Internet browser.
6. (Canceled).
7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, the user interface being a desktop of a client the user's computer and the shopping basket component being a desktop application associated with the graphical image component.
- 8-17. (Canceled).
18. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating electronic shopping, comprising:
~~relating items with descriptions corresponding to each of the items, the descriptions conforming to a common schema;~~
~~identifying items from a plurality of different merchants based on user indicated criteria;~~
~~providing a representation of each of the items for sale by at one two or more respective distinct sources merchants;~~
~~linking the representation of each item to a respective description of each item, the descriptions conforming to a common schema and provided by the merchants;~~
~~associating providing a shopping basket component with a graphical image on a user interface, wherein the corresponding description of the item will be retained by the shopping basket component if a user identifies the item for purchase, the shopping basket component residing on the user's computer; and~~
~~providing an ordering component for identifying items retained by the shopping basket component, the ordering component providing for concurrent ordering of two or more of the identified items from the respective distinct sources different merchants of the identified items.~~
19. (Original) The method of claim 18, the common schema being an XML schema.

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20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, the shopping basket component having drag and drop capabilities wherein [[a]]the user may drag and drop [[a]]the provided representation of an item of each the items using a computer pointer into the graphical image.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2[[1]]0, the user interface being one of an Internet browser and a desktop application residing on a client the user's computer.

23-30. (Canceled).

31. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer-executable components comprising:

a graphical image component residing on a user interface;
a search engine component associated with the graphical image component, the search engine component identifying items from a plurality of disparate merchants based on user indicated criteria and aggregating and returning items having the user indicated criteria to the graphical image component for display and selection by a user;

a shopping basket component associated with the graphical image component wherein the shopping basket component provides drag and drop capabilities wherein [[a]]the user may drag and drop representations of identified items from a plurality of disparate sources merchants using a computer pointer into the graphical image component, the representations of the identified items associated with a description, the descriptions being provided by the plurality of disparate merchants and the shopping basket component retaining the descriptions of the identified selected items will be retained by the shopping basket component; and

an ordering component that identifies items retained by the shopping basket component, the ordering component provides for concurrent ordering of the identified selected items, wherein at least two of the selected items are ordered from the disparate sources merchants of the identified items, the search engine component, shopping basket component and ordering component residing on the user's computer.

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32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently amended) An electronic shopping cart system, comprising:
an interface to search a plurality of disparate servers associated with two or more
disparate merchants, the merchants providing a description of one or more items for sale;
a component that employs the interface to select items from at least two of the disparate
servers and add the items to an electronic shopping basket through a drag and drop approach,
wherein descriptions of the at least two items from the disparate servers can concurrently reside
within the electronic shopping basket; and
an ordering component that provides for concurrent purchasing of the at least two items
from the disparate servers, wherein the at least two items are purchased from at least two
disparate merchants, the interface, electronic shopping basket and ordering component residing
on the purchaser's computer.

34. (Currently amended) The system of claim 33, further comprising a wish list component
that stores items that are automatically added to the electronic shopping basket when user
defined criteria [[is]] are met.

35. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, the electronic shopping basket is invoked
through one of an icon on a web browser and a selectable menu option.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Canceled).

38. (Withdrawn) A method for processing orders associated with an electronic shopping cart,
comprising:

graphically presenting products located in a merchant web site, the products are linked to
a schema that provide drag and drop capabilities;

utilizing the schema to add products to an electronic shopping basket by dragging
products from the merchant site and dropping them in the electronic shopping basket; and

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concurrently ordering the products in the electronic shopping basket through electronic submission and authentication of a purchase order.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, respective schema provide a description of an associated product.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, respective schema include a list of attributes associated with the product represented.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, the attributes include one or more of a source, a description, a price, a link and a link to product details.

42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, further comprising displaying the products in a web browser.

43. (New) The system of claim 1, further having a filtering component to limit the number of merchants.

44. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein interaction of the plurality of different merchants with the system is facilitated by an application programming interface.

45. (New) An electrical signal representation of at least one of the components of claim 43.

46. (New) The method of claim 18, further comprising filtering to limit the number of merchants.

47. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the method is implemented at least in part by an application programming interface.

48. (New) An electrical signal representation of computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 18.

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49. (New) The electronic shopping cart system of claim 33, further comprising a filtering component to limit the number of merchants.

50. (New) The electronic shopping cart system of claim 33, wherein interaction of the plurality of disparate servers with the system is facilitated by an application programming interface.

51. (New) An electrical signal representation of at least one of the components of claim 49.